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Four schools selected for garden program

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SAN MATEO, Calif. - Four area schools have been selected in a pool of 86 schools statewide for the Orchard Supply Hardware School Gardens Program, a campaign to create or enhance gardens in schools: M.P. Brown Elementary School in Daly City, Meadows Elementary School in Millbrae, Laurel Elementary School in San Mateo and Taft Elementary School in Redwood City.

The California Departments of Education and Food and Agriculture promote the program as a learning tool for life sciences, reading, history, math and spatial skills, in addition to linking plants and gardening with food and good health.

S.F. Airport

Last federal allocation paid for BART-SFO extension

The federal government has made its final allocation of \$2.4 million to BART for the San Francisco International Airport extension, which opened in 2003.

The payment will complete the \$750 million federal grant — roughly half the total cost of the project — from the Department of Transportation, according to U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos, D-San Mateo/San Francisco, who advocated for the funds.

"This extension servicing the airport makes BART a 21st-century alternative that benefits travelers and the environment," he said.

REDWOOD CITY

Immigrant rights activists to headline student forum

Immigrant rights and diversity advocates Renee Saucedo and Hugh Vasquez will headline this year's César Chávez Student Leadership Forum at Cañada College.

Saucedo is the founder of INS WATCH, which monitors immigration laws and enforcement. Vasquez was a major contributor behind the award-winning documentary "The Color of Fear." The all-day event begins at 8 a.m. March 27 at the Main Theater, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd.

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